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1. The Polish Navy possessed 18 submarines in the fall of 1949.\* All submarines were equipped with asdic and radar sets. The largest submarine of the Polish Navy had a displacement of 2,000 tons. In addition, the Polish Navy possessed four destroyers, 12 mine layers and mine sweepers and 8 motor gunboats each of which carried four to eight depth charges in addition to its main armament.\*\*
2. Fourteen submarines held a major exercise south and east of Gotland Island in April and May 1949. They called once at the Soviet harbor of Momei where four large Soviet submarines and a submarine tender were berthed at that time.
3. The Polish submarine RYS was armed with one 102-mm gun, six AA guns and eight torpedo tubes.\*\*\* The torpedoes, supplied by the Soviet Navy, left bubble-free tracks. The submarine was also equipped with both asdic and radar sets. The RYS was capable of diving to a depth of 50 meters within 30 seconds. Diving exercises were at first held at depths ranging between 40 and 50 meters and after initial training, at depths of 100 meters and over. The RYS can descend to 250 meters without danger.

\* ☐ Comment: According to available records Poland has only three submarines, the RYS, SEP and ZBIK, all built prior to World War II. It is, of course, possible that several submarines have been placed at the disposal of the Polish Navy by the U.S.S.R. However, it seems improbable that the vessels were built in Polish shipyards after the war, as the yards still appear incapable of building such craft.

\*\* ☐ Comment: The statement that Poland possesses four destroyers is doubtful. According to available records Poland has not more than two destroyers.

☐ Comment: The only Polish destroyer known to this office is the 2,150-ton BLYSKAWICA.) On the other hand, it is believed that Poland is in possession of more PT boats and motor gunboats than stated in the report.

\*\*\* ☐ Comment: The RYS is believed to carry only six torpedo tubes.

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